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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the Abstract on replacement page 14 with the following rewritten Abstract:

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method and system for managing complex construction projects by monitoring subcontractors in real time. ~~A contractor contracts with a manufacturer to construct a device, for example, a communications satellite. The manufacturer contracts with a number of subcontractors who supply goods and services necessary to construction of the device. Once construction begins, the computer program begins executing.~~ Whenever a subcontractor realizes a need for a change in specification or anticipates any other reason that might delay completion of construction as scheduled, the subcontractor ~~accesses the contractor's computer via an extranet site on the Internet. The subcontractor, once access is gained,~~ selects from a computerized menu the appropriate new status for the subcontractor's task and provides other information relevant to the changed situation. The status change is displayed on a display device, an electronic dashboard, so as to be easily noticed, the dashboard also providing one-click links to a display showing how widespread are the problems and a display for on-line review and approval of the status change by a. ~~A manager or engineer in charge of the project, who~~ notes the status change on the display and ~~reads the information provided by the subcontractor. Other persons may be notified of the status change. With the information provided, the manager or engineer,~~ with whatever input may be provided by the other persons notified of the status change, decides the best course of action to keep the construction on schedule.